

SUFFOLK-NANSEMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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A message from our President - With the beginning of a new year, we must turn our attention briefly to the matter of financing our Society. The expenses are relatively small, but they must be met. The only way we can do this is through our annual dues. We try to keep these as small as possible so that their payment will not work a hardship on anyone. The dues for 1968 are now payable and will be delinquent after March 1st. It is of extreme importance to the Society that if you have not already done so, you renew your membership immediately. We do not want to lose a single member because of non-payment of dues. We cannot all do the research that some do for our Society, but we can all support this worthwhile effort by maintaining our membership. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so now while you are thinking about it. Sincerely, William Wellington Jones

February Meeting - The February meeting of the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society will be held MONDAY, February 26, 1968, in the Municipal Court Room of the Municipal Building. The date was changed so that we could have Mr. E. Frank Stephenson, Jr. for our speaker. Mr. Stephenson, who is director of Admissions at Chowan College, is the Executive Director of the Murfreesboro, N.C. Historical Association. He has also been commissioned by Gov. Dan Moore as Commissioner of the Murfreesboro Historical District. Mr. Stephenson will speak on the Preservation and Restoration of Historic Homes and Sites. He will use slides to illustrate his lecture. Please plan to attend.

Virginia History Federation - The Virginia History Federation was formed Nov. 18, 1967 in Charlottesville, Va. The Federation was organized to promote historical preservation of sites, documents, and objects; encourage publication and disseminate information; and provide a means of communication for history-oriented organizations and individuals. Lt. Col. C. W. Tazewell of the Norfolk Historical Society was elected the Federation's first president.

Indian Civilization Committee - Recently the Indian Civilization Committee has held several archaeological digs on the Stockley farm. This farm, now owned by the Winslow Brothers, is opposite Dumpling Island. So far, pieces of pottery, animal bones, and a few broken points have been found. Helping with the digging were Dr. Reginald Holland, Linwood Duck, Marion Watson, Frances Watson, Nancy Joyner, Kermit Hobbs, Glenn Frazier, Tommy O'Connor, W. T. Jones, and H. R. Gray, Jr.

Sheriff Killed - A few days since Mr. John Shelton of Suffolk, Nansemond County, Virginia took a mulatto fellow named Read ---- the mulatto man seized a gun from the hand of Mr. Shelton and killed him on the spot. Mr. Shelton left an affectionate wife and two small children ---- dated Jan. 26, 1821 (From "The Central Gazette, Vol Ten, 1949-1950, page 37)

New Book - The American Heritage History of the Thirteen Colonies, 384 pp., illus., index, \$16.50 from Simon and Schuster, Inc., 630 Fifth Ave., N. Y., N. Y.

Believe It or Not - In 1861, a citizen traded one of the most valuable lots in the square for a horse to ride into the Confederate Army.

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